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For: **METHOD OF DEGRADATION, METHOD FOR INHIBITING DEGRADATION, AND AGENT FOR INHIBITING DEGRADATION, FOR TRANSCRIPTION FACTORS OF GLUCOSE METABOLISM-RELATED GENES (as amended)**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.